



2612  
#2  
BT

PATENT

4.25.02

Attorney Docket No.: 13297.00019

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re patent application of  
Jason W. Trobaugh  
R. Martin Arthur

Group Art Unit: 2612

Examiner: N/A

Serial No.: 09/840,629

Filed: April 23, 2001

For: Physically-based, probabilistic model  
for ultrasonic images incorporating  
shape, microstructure and system  
characteristics.

RECEIVED

APR 17 2002

Technology Center 2600

**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING**

**UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.8(a)**

I hereby certify that this paper, along with any paper referred to as being attached or enclosed, is being deposited with the United States Postal Service on the date indicated below, with sufficient postage, as first class mail, in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks, Washington, D.C. 20231.

BY  \_\_\_\_\_

DATE:  4/4/02 \_\_\_\_\_

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

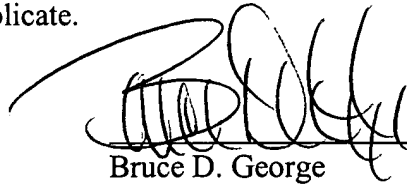
**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97-1.98, information relating to the above-identified application is hereby disclosed. Inclusion of information

in this statement is not to be construed as an admission that this information is material as that term is defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(b).

- (x) In accordance with §1.97(b), since this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed either within three months of the filing date of the above-identified application, within three months of the date of entry into the national stage of the above identified application as set forth in §1.491, or before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits of the above-identified application, no additional fee is required.
- ( ) In accordance with §1.129(a), this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed in connection with ( ) the first or ( ) second After Final Submission, therefore:
  - ( ) Certification in Accordance with §1.97(e) is attached; or
  - ( ) The fee of **\$180.00** as set forth in §1.17(p) is attached.
- ( ) In accordance with §1.97(c), this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after the period set forth in §1.97(b) above but before the mailing date of either a Final Action under §1.113 or a Notice of Allowance under §1.311, therefore:
  - ( ) Certification in Accordance with §1.97(e) is attached; or
  - ( ) The fee of **\$180.00** as set forth in §1.17(p) is attached.
- ( ) In accordance with §1.97(d), this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after the mailing date of either a Final Action under §1.113 or a Notice of Allowance under §1.311 but before the payment of the Issue Fee, therefore included are: Certification in Accordance with §1.97(e); Petition Requesting Consideration of the Information Disclosure Statement; and the fee of **\$180.00** as set forth in §1.17(i)(1).
- (x) Copies of each of the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 are enclosed herewith.

Please charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1089. This form is submitted in duplicate.



Bruce D. George  
Registration No. 43,631

SAUL EWING LLP  
Centre Square West  
1500 Market Street, 38<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Philadelphia, PA 19102  
Phone: 215-972-8387  
Fax: 215-972-2293